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FOR THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: CURRENT ATMOSPHERE IN TANZANIA

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 3444

1. UNTIL PRESIDENT NYERERE RETURNS TO COUNTRY TONIGHT, NO DEFINITIVE READING OF ATMOSPHERE HERE IS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, AS OF MOMENT BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INDICATIONS SEEM POSITIVE FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT TOMORROW.

2. MEDIA COVERAGE OF SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH SMITH HAS EMPHASIZED THAT "KISSINGER TELLS SMITH TO GIVE UP POWER." FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCES LIKEWISE ARE VOICING NO CRITICISM OF MEETING WITH SMITH AND ARE INDEED INTERPRETING IT AS SIGN OF BREAK-THROUGH. THEY HAVE RAISED THOUGHT THAT NAMIBIA MAY HAVE "GOTTEN LOST" IN RUSH OF MOVEMENT ON RHODESIA, BUT DO NOT SEEM TO BE PARTICULARLY DISTURBED AT THIS.

3. APPARENT COMPATIBILITY BETWEEN NYERERE'S PROPOSALS TO CALLAGHAN ON RHODESIA (NOW PUBLICLY LAID OUT IN DAVID MARTIN "OBSERVER" STORY) AND STATEMENTS COMING OUT OF PRETORIA NOTED WITH PLEASURE. ASSUMPTION THAT SECRETARY WOULD REPORT IN TO DAR ES SALAAM AND THEN GO HOME BEFORE ANY FURTHER MOVEMENT (REFTEL) SEEMS TO HAVE GIVEN WAY TO HOPE AND ANTICIPATION THAT

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HE WILL "STICK WITH IT" ON RHODESIA AND NAIL SMITH DOWN ASAP.

4. ONE IMPORTANT NOTE OF CAUTION IS EVIDENT. TANZANIANS DEEPLY
DISTRUST SMITH AND ARE EXTREMELY SCEPTICAL THAT HE CAN BE
COUNTED ON TO STICK TO ANY UNDERTAKINGS HE HAS GIVEN. SMITH IS
"A SURVIVOR," THEY EMPHASIZE, AND FEAR IS THAT HE CONCURS IN
SECRETARY'S JUDGEMENT THAT NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS ARE CRUCIAL PERIOD
AND INTENDS TO RUN OUT THE CRUCIAL TIME BY PRETENDING COOPERA-
TION WHILE IN FACT REMAINING AS ADAMANT AS EVER.
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